

School Council meeting

11.30am on 14th January 2019



Present: KS3 -Thomas 9Y, Kyle 9X, Caitlyn 8X, Logan 7X
 KS4 - Cameron grp 3, Brian grp 2, Isaac grp 1
 FE - Dale, Kian
 Mrs Hurley

Apologies: Mr Jukes

MINUTES

1. Matters arising:

- ✚ Where are we up to with having Minecraft on our computers? – this is on trial on front computer in ICT 2 but several students feel that it will not be possible to roll out on to other computers because of the number of updates, high spec. for the graphics and the `live` element of the programme. 
- ✚ Lack of speed of laptops? – a programme of replacing/ increasing memory of both sets of laptops is about to start Lunchtime equipment needs to be taken on to the yards please.
- ✚ KS4 agreed that should there be a special reason for a whole school/ department cinema session on a Friday afternoon, this would be possible to arrange.
- ✚ Lack of staff at breaktimes – all staff are asked to remember when they are on duty and be on time.
- ✚ Student vending machine? – Dale had done some research for a health-friendly student vending machine and this information has been passed on to Mr Jukes to look at. 



- ✚ Water dispenser for students – this has been discussed by SLT but would be too much of a health and safety hazard in communal areas such as on a corridor.

PLUS - The school council has been given a YPO voucher for £91.56. The students were asked about what to spend it on. Several suggestions were made including new headphones (which was dismissed by council members because they will just get broken), whiteboard pens and glue sticks (which Mrs Hurley explained were bought through each departments budget), activities for lunchtimes and stress putty/ balls. The money has been spent on some stress relievers plus table activities for outside.



2. Information from Mr Jukes

None today.

3. AOB

KS4 Group 1	Can we have updates for laptops to Windows 10? Go-kart clubs for departments at lunchtimes? Lunchtimes-some tables are still always going up first and it isn` t fair. 	<i>See reply above - this is part of the rolling programme of updating all computers in school. Response from last time that these would resume once the weather starts improving. Mr Bradshaw informed.</i>
8X	 Longer sessions for choir please?	<i>Trevor has been asked. As the choir are going help with the songs for the</i>

		<i>next performance, choir sessions will be until 10am in the hall.</i>
KS4 Group 3	<p>Would like Astroturf in the M.U.G.A.</p>  <p>Can it be changed where students sit at dinnertimes as some don't get on?</p> <p>Not enough choices for options.</p> <p>Can we have a swear jar in class and give the money to charity?</p>  <p>Can the KS4 blue room be put in our classroom?</p> <p>Can the flashing lights be taken out of the blue room as this is bad for students with epilepsy?</p> <p>Can the well-being group have new games e.g. Switch, Xbox and PS4?</p> 	<p><i>To expensive but maybe considered in the future</i></p> <p><i>To be discussed by KS4 department.</i></p> <p><i>To be discussed with Mr Bradshaw and Mr Toulson although Mrs Hurley explained how they were limited because of the number of staff available.</i></p> <p><i>To be discussed by KS4 department.</i></p> <p><i>No because this is used by other than KS4 students.</i></p> <p><i>No but they can be switched off.</i></p> <p><i>Probably need to have money raised for them but to be discussed by KS4 department.</i></p>
FE	 <p>Would like a snooker table in the annex?</p> <p>Another couch in the Life Skills flat?</p>  <p>Would like a punch bag in the safe spaces?</p>	<p><i>To be discussed by FE Department.</i></p> <p><i>No room.</i></p> <p><i>Not allowed to put other equipment in safe spaces. The walls are designed to be soft enough to hit.</i></p>
9Y	<p>Can we have netting over the M.U.G.A.?</p>  <p>Can the gym have a paper towel dispenser and a bin, so the equipment can be wiped down and they can be used when `we get sweaty`?</p> 	<p><i>To be discussed by Mr Bradshaw and Mr Newsham and SLT.</i></p> <p><i>To be discussed by SLT.</i></p>

4. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 4th March** at **11.30am** in **Room 10**.

Please give your class councillor the chance to go through these minutes and record any feedback/ issues raised in preparation for the next meeting.